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METHOD OF DEPOSITING TUNGSTEN NITRIDE USING A SOURCE GAS COMPRISING

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- 38. An integrated circuit capacitor comprising:
 - a first electrode formed of polysilicon;
- a second electrode formed of chemically vapor deposited tungsten nitride formed using a gas comprising nitride, tungsten and silicon; and
 - a dielectric layer located between the first and second electrodes.
- 39. The integrated circuit capacitor of claim 38 wherein the dielectric layer is comprised of tantalum oxide.
- 40. The integrated circuit capacitor of claim 38 wherein the capacitor is a memory cell.
 - 41. (Amended) A capacitor, comprising:
 - a first electrode;
 - a second electrode; and
 - a dielectric disposed between the first and the second electrode.
 - wherein at least one of the first electrode and the second electrode includes a tungsten nitride layer, and the tungsten nitride layer includes silicon.
 - 42. (Amended) The capacitor of claim 41, wherein both the first electrode and the second electrode includes a tungsten nitride layer, and the tungsten nitride layer includes silicon.
 - 43. The capacitor of claim 41, wherein the capacitor is a non-planar capacitor.

- 44. The capacitor of claim 41, wherein the dielectric includes tantalum oxide.
- 45. The capacitor of claim 41, wherein the tungsten nitride prevents degradation of the dielectric.
- 46. (Amended) A capacitor, comprising:
 - a first electrode;
 - a dielectric disposed on the first electrode; and
- a second electrode formed on the dielectric as a layer of tungsten nitride, the layer of tungsten nitride including silicon.
- 47. The capacitor of claim 46, wherein the capacitor is a non-planar capacitor.
- 48. The capacitor of claim 46, wherein the dielectric includes tantalum oxide.
- 49. (Amended) The capacitor of claim 46, wherein the layer of tungsten nitride is conformally deposited by chemical vapor deposition.
- 50. (Amended) The capacitor of claim 46, wherein the layer of tungsten nitride is exposed to silicon based materials, and wherein a boundary between the layer of tungsten nitride and the silicon based materials is characterized by a reduced encroachment of the tungsten nitride into the silicon based materials.
- 51. The capacitor of claim 46, wherein the first electrode is formed as a conformal polycrystalline silicon layer.



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- 52. (Amended) A capacitor, comprising:
- a first electrode formed as a layer of tungsten nitride, the layer of tungsten nitride including silicon;
 - a dielectric disposed on the first electrode; and
 - a second electrode formed on the dielectric.
- 53. The capacitor of claim 52, wherein the capacitor is a non-planar capacitor.
- 54. The capacitor of claim 52, wherein the dielectric includes tantalum oxide.



- 55. (Amended) The capacitor of claim 52, wherein the layer of tungsten nitride is conformally deposited by chemical vapor deposition.
- 56. (Amended) The capacitor of claim 52, wherein the layer of tungsten nitride is exposed to silicon based materials, and wherein a boundary between the layer of tungsten nitride and the silicon based materials is characterized by a reduced encroachment of the tungsten nitride into the silicon based materials.
- 57. The capacitor of claim 52, wherein the second electrode is formed as a polycrystalline silicon layer.
- 58. (Amended) A non-planar capacitor, comprising:
 - a polycrystalline silicon film;
 - a dielectric layer disposed on the polycrystalline film; and
- a film of tungsten nitride disposed on the dielectric layer, the film of tungsten nitride including silicon.

- 59. The non-planar capacitor of claim 58, wherein the polycrystalline silicon film is a conformal film formed over a substrate and over transistor devices on the substrate.
- 60. The non-planar capacitor of claim 58, wherein the dielectric layer includes tantalum oxide.
- 61. (Amended) The non-planar capacitor of claim 58, wherein the film of tungsten nitride is conformally deposited by chemical vapor deposition.

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- 62. (Amended) A non-planar capacitor, comprising:
- a conformal polycrystalline silicon film formed over a substrate and over transistor devices on the substrate;
 - a dielectric layer formed on the conformal polycrystalline silicon film; and
- a film of tungsten nitride conformally deposited on the dielectric layer by chemical vapor deposition, the film of tungsten nitride including silicon.
- 63. (Amended) The non-planar capacitor of claim 62, wherein the film of tungsten nitride is formed by a chemical vapor deposition process that uses ammonia as a source of nitrogen and a gas selected from the group consisting of tungsten hexaflouride and tungsten carbonyl as a source of tungsten.
- 64. (Amended) The non-planar capacitor of claim 62, wherein the film of tungsten nitride is formed by a chemical vapor deposition process that uses a source gas mixture that includes: ammonia;
 - a gas selected from the group consisting of tungsten hexaflouride and tungsten carbonyl;

and

a gas selected from the group consisting of silane, organic silane, and a compound that is a multiple order of silane.

- 65. The non-planar capacitor of claim 62, wherein the dielectric layer includes tantalum oxide.
- 66. (Amended) A non-planar capacitor, comprising:
 - a first electrode;
 - a dielectric layer formed on the first electrode; and
- a film of tungsten nitride conformally deposited on the dielectric layer by chemical vapor deposition that uses gases, including:

ammonia:

- a gas selected from the group consisting of tungsten hexaflouride and tungsten carbonyl; and
- a gas selected from the group consisting of silane, organic silane, and a compound that is a multiple order of silane.
- 67. The non-planar capacitor of claim 66, wherein the first electrode includes a conformal polycrystalline silicon film formed over a substrate and over transistor devices on the substrate.
- 68. The non-planar capacitor of claim 66, wherein the gases used in the chemical vapor deposition process are a source gas mixture.
- 69. (Amended) An integrated circuit, comprising:
 - a substrate;
 - at least one transistor device formed on the substrate and arranged to leave a contact area



with the substrate;

a non-planar capacitor, including:

a first electrode;

a second electrode; and

a dielectric disposed between the first and the second electrode,

wherein at least one of the first electrode and the second electrode includes a tungsten nitride layer, and the tungsten nitride layer includes silicon.

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70. (Amended) The integrated circuit of claim 69, wherein both the first electrode and the second electrode includes a tungsten nitride layer, and the tungsten nitride layer includes silicon.

71. (Amended) The integrated circuit of claim 69, wherein the first electrode includes a tungsten nitride layer, and the tungsten nitride layer includes silicon.

- 72. (Amended) The integrated circuit of claim 69, wherein the second electrode includes a tungsten nitride layer, and the tungsten nitride layer includes silicon.
- 73. The integrated circuit of claim 69, wherein the dielectric includes tantalum oxide.
- 74. The integrated circuit of claim 69, wherein the tungsten nitride prevents degradation of the dielectric.